



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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The **Disability and Communication Access Board** (DCAB) is a Governor-appointed Board whose mission is to advocate and promote the full integration of independence, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities in society.

The following highlight progress made in the past year:

- Conducted 1,280 document reviews under HRS§103-50 of buildings, facilities, and sites to ensure access for persons with disabilities; issued 10 interpretive opinions on design specifications.
- Administered the Hawaii Quality Assurance System sign language interpreter credentialing test to 11 applicants.
- Coordinated the parking program for persons with disabilities with the counties to issue 21,000+ placards to persons with mobility impairments; improved the statewide database; and adopted new program rules.
- Managed the SPIN project, answering 2,424 requests on the “SPIN warm line”; conducted 7 SPIN workshops and an Annual Conference.
- Coordinated the State’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance with Departments to implement their Transition Plans.
- Submitted testimony on the State Olmstead Plan, DOH Rules for Adult Residential Care Homes, Quarantine, and Medicaid Waiver Renewal.
- Submitted testimony on the federal ADA Notification Act, Help America Vote Act, Our Lady of Peace Act, Lifespan Respite Care Act, Orphan Drug Legislation, Community-Based Attendant Services and Supports Act (MiCASSA), and genetics nondiscrimination legislation.
- Promoted voluntary compliance through 4,630 phone/web inquiries on programs and laws, 1,750 phone/fax inquiries on design, and 62 workshops on accessible design, communication access, ADA Titles II and III, employment, and emergency evacuation.

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